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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD PROGRAM REGULATIONS

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO LAUREN TER MUL, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (THE HAGUE) AND FRANK SHEFRIN, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (OTTAWA).

2. INTERESTED U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING DRAFT REGULATIONS DEVELOPED AT WORKING GROUP MEETING. WITH FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS U.S. PLANS TO STAND BEHIND AGREED TEXT.

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(A) PARTICIPATION: THE THREE PART COMPROMISE, I.E., PLEDGING, CFA, AND RECEIVING ASSISTANCE, IS ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD RESIST ANY ATTEMPT TO MAKE MORE EXPLICIT THE NEW RULE ON "ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE."

(B) THE RULE 5 COMPROMISE THAT "SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS IN THE NEEDIEST COUNTRIES" IS ACCEPTABLE.

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WE WILL PUSH IN CFA TO GET REITERATION OF PAST CFA POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS MATTER FOR INSERTION INTO THE CFA 3 REPORT.

(C) WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT BRACKETED SWEDISH PROPOSAL ON COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IS NOT USEFUL ADDITION. NEW RULES 4(A)(II) AND 10 GIVE AMPLE MANDATE TO PROGRAM TO COORDINATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. OPERATIONAL DETAILS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE CFA.

(D) WE HAVE WRITTEN TO THE SECRETARIAT THROUGH WORKING PARTY CHAIRMAN FRANK SHEFRIN INQUIRING WHETHER IN NEW RULE 16(D) THE LINE "PURCHASES IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES SHALL TAKE PLACE AT WORLD MARKET PRICES" WAS NOT INADVERTENTLY OMITTED. WE FEEL THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION OF PRICES. ACTUALLY WE WOULD PREFER LANGUAGE URGING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO KEEP IN MIND THE NEED TO SECURE THE MOST FAVORABLE DELIVERED PRICE. HOWEVER, THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED USING THE CURRENT DRAFT LANGUAGE AND THE INSERTION OF A SECRETARIAT CLARIFICATION OF PRESENT PRACTICE IN THE CFA REPORT.

(E) WE FEEL RULE 19 AT LEAST SHOULD BE REVISED TO READ "GOVERNMENTS DESIRING WFP FOOD ASSISTANCE TO MEET EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS..."

3. AS WE SAID REPEATEDLY DURING WORKING GROUP MEETING WE SEE CURRENT EXERCISE AS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING OLD RULES INTO LINE WITH CURRENT PRACTICES AND REALITIES. WE DO
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NOT WISH TO SEE WFP BREAK INTO BROAD NEW UNEXPLORED TERRITORIES. HOWEVER, WE WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS TO HELP WFP ACHIEVE MAXIMUM OPERATING EFFICIENCY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS ORGANIC LINKS TO THE UN AND FAO. WE THINK THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS DO GIVE ADEQUATE INDICATION OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH WE WISH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DIRECT THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROGRAM AND HOPE THE OTHER CFA MEMBERS WILL CONCUR IN THE WORKING GROUP'S DELIBERATE WORDING.

4. FOR ROME: AS APPROPRIATE YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW INFORMALLY ON COMMENTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH PERMREPS SUCH AS UK, FRG, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN.
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